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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FRG EXTENSION ON PLEDGE NOT TO CUT
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1. DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, DR. REHM, HAS GRANTED AIRLINES EXTENSION TO FEBRUARY 29 ON HIS DEMAND REPORTED REFTEL THAT CARRIERS SEND HIM WRITTEN PLEDGE NOT TO INDULGE IN VARIOUS ILLEGAL RATE CUTTING PRACTICES. EXTENSION WAS GRANTED ON "EXCEPTIONAL" BASIS AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF AIRLINES REPRESENTATIVES IN GERMANY (BARIG) IN ORDER TO GIVE FOREIGN CARRIERS TIME TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR HEAD OFFICES.

2. ACCORDING TO SEABOARD (SW) MANAGER FOR GERMANY, OZ BUTTLER, THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE REAL MOVEMENT ON THIS MATTER. THE FMT CLAIMS THAT SOME TWENTY CARRIERS HAVE SIGNED THE REQUESTED PLEDGES, BUTTLER SAID, BUT ALL DID SO WITH RESERVATIONS. THIS CAME ABOUT, HE SAID, BECAUSE THE LUFTHANSA REPRESENTATIVE AT A MEETING OF CARRIERS URGED OTHER AIRLINES NOT TO SIGN THE PLEDGES. THIS WAS LEAKED TO THE FMT WHICH THEN PUT EXTRAORDINARY PRESSURE ON LUFTHANSA TO SIGN.

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LUFTHANSA DID SO, BUT WITH THE RESERVATION THAT THE

PLEDGE HAD NO AFFECT ON ACTIONS TAKEN OUTSIDE OF GERMANY. OTHER CARRIERS APPARENTLY MORE OR LESS FOLLOWED SUIT.

3. BARIG APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET REACHED AGREEMENT ON A RESPONSE TO REHM. ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET ON FEBRUARY 13, BUT DECIDED ONLY TO ASK REHM FOR AN EXTENSION AND TO HOLD A GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP ON MARCH 10 TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.
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